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SUBJECT: SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING VARIOUS WAYS TO GET GREEK REGIME, PARTICULARLY THE GREEK MILITARY, OFF THE THEME OF A AUID FOR U.S. FACILITIES IN GREECE. ON JANUARY 29 AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION, AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH LT. GEN. GALATSANOS, CHELARMY, TO CONVEY TO LATTER DISAPPOINTMENT AT ATTITUDE EVINCED BY GREEK MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH SOUDA AB AND HOMEPORTING DISCUSSIONS. AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO COMMON INTERESTS, TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, AND MUTUAL COMMITMENT AS NATO ALLIES WHICH MAKE U.S. SUPPORT TO EFFORTS OF GREECE TO MEET ITS NATO COMMITMENTS A MATTER OF COMMON INTEREST, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT NOT USEFUL TO DEMAND ASSISTANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR FACILITIES FALLING UNDER NATO UMBRELLA. AMBASSADOR NOTED THREE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF GREEK DEFENSE WERE ITS OWN FORCES, THE SIXTH FLEET, AND AUGMENTATION FORCES FROM U.S. AND OTHER NATO ALLIES IN EVENT OF CRISIS CONFRONTATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT USG APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE OF GREEK CONTRIBUTION, WISHED  
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TO BE HELPFUL WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF ITS POLICIES, BUT WAS

ALREADY IN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST CONTRIBUTING HEAVILY TO THE DEFENSE OF GREECE. GALATSANOS OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD MESSAGE AND DOUBTLESS INFORMED HIS COLLEAGUES.

2. ON FEBRUARY 1, CHJUSMAGG TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED CALL ON GEN. BONANOS, CHIEF SHAF, TO CONVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED PARA 4 AND PARA 5A & B REFTEL. CHJUSMAGG GAVE INFORMATION IN STRAIGHTFORWARD, CLEARLY UNDERSTANDABLE TERMS, AND ALTHOUGH BONANOS INDICATED HIS COMPREHENSION HE NEVERTHELESS PERSISTED IN BRINGING UP NEED FOR USG TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO GREEK ARMED FORCES.

3. THERE IS NO SURETY THAT LINKAGE EARLIER ESTABLISHED BY SHAF BETWEEN RENEWED GRANT ASSISTANCE AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN REMOVED. BUT OUR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN AND WE SHALL STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE WASHINGTON REALITIES ENUMERATED IN REFTEL.  
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